

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending application.

Office Action Summary

The Claims 1-3 and 38 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by US Patent 5,963,255 of Anderson et al. ("Anderson"). Claims 4-8 have been objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

Status of Claims

At the time the Office Action was mailed, claims 1-8 and 38 were pending in the application. In the present response, claims 1 and 38 have been amended. No claims have been added, canceled or withdrawn. Therefore, claims 1-8 and 38 remain pending in the application.

Claim Rejections Under 35 USC 102

Claims 1-3 and 38 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by Anderson. Applicants submit that claim 1, as amended, is not anticipated by Anderson.

Claim 1

As amended, claim 1 recites:

A digital camera comprising:
a control subsystem comprising a microprocessor;
an imaging subsystem in communication with the controlled subsystem; and
a power management subsystem in communication with the control subsystem, the power management subsystem comprising:
power selection-isolation circuitry for isolating at least two power sources and for preventing more than one power source from being connected to the control subsystem at the same time;

battery charging circuitry in communication with the power selection-isolation circuitry; and
power arbitration circuitry in communication with the power selection-isolation circuitry and the battery charging circuitry.

(emphasis added).

In contrast to amended claim 1, Anderson discloses a DC/DC converter 75 which supplies **one or more power sources** (regulated voltages) on the power bus 68 to all of a camera's components (Anderson, col. 5, lines 43-45; Fig. 1). Therefore, because Anderson discloses connecting one or more power sources to all of the camera's components, Anderson does not disclose the limitation "power selection-isolation circuitry for isolating at least two power sources **and for preventing more than one power source from being connected to the control subsystem at the same time,**" as recited in amended claim 1.

Claims 2-8

Given that claims 2-8 depend from claim 1, either directly or indirectly, and include all of the limitations of claim 1, applicants respectfully submit that claims 2-8 are also not anticipated by Anderson.

Claim 38

Claim 38 has been rejected for the same reasons cited in the Office Action for the rejection of claim 1. As amended, claim 38 recites:

a means for controlling operation;
a means for acquiring an image; and
a means for managing power in communication with the acquiring means, the power-management means comprising:

a means for controlling power, **wherein two or more power sources are prevented from connecting simultaneously with the means for controlling operation;**

a means for charging a battery in communication with the power-control means; and

a means for arbitrating power in communication with the power-control means and the battery-charging means.

(emphasis added).

Applicants refer the Examiner to the foregoing arguments and respectfully submit that claim 38 is not anticipated by Anderson for at least the reasons discussed above,

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, applicants respectfully submit that in view of the arguments set forth herein, all of the objections and rejections have been overcome.

If the Examiner believes a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Richard Thill at (408) 720-8300.

If there are any additional charges, please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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